Employment opportunities in the country

978. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any new proposal under Government's consideration to provide employment to all educated and uneducated, skilled/unskilled persons in the country particularly in the State of Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). The Eighth Plan envisages a strategy for achieving the goal of near-full employment situation in the country as a whole by the year 2002. The goal is sought to be achieved by accelerating growth of productive employment opportunities on the basis of faster growth of employment intensive sectors, sub-sectors and activities.

Allocation of funds under MPs local area development scheme

979. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of money has been released under the M.P.L.A.D.S. so far, state-wise alongwith the number of MPs (Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha); and

(b) how many MPs have complained regarding non-receipt of the fund so far, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

Growth of per capita income

980. DR B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the growth of per capita income during the last three years;

(b) what are the reasons for low growth of per capita income; and

(c) steps taken to accelerate growth rate of per capita income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) The growth of Per Capita Net National Product at constant (1980-81) prices improved during the last three years from the decline by 2.0 per cent in 1991-92 to an increase of 2.2 per cent in 1992-93 and a further increase of 2.5 per cent in 1993-94.

(c) The growth oriented policies of the Government, investments and programmes under the Eighth Five Year Plan and the process of ongoing economic reforms will help to increase the per capita income.

Infrastructure projects in North-Eastern States

981. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of major infrastructure projects being executed in the North Eastern States;

(b) whether any target dates have been fixed for their completion;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) action taken for their timely completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c). A Statement is enclosed. (*See* below).

(d) Keeping in view the priorities laid down in plans, funds are provided by the Centre & States to implementing agencies. For most of the projects funds are earmarked and monitored by respective Ministries to ensure their completion as per targets subject to availability of funds.

Statement

(Rs. lakhs)

Sl. No.	Project	State	Estimated Cost	Schedule of completion
1	2	3	4	5
A.	*Power (Generation)* :			
1	Naranang HEP	Arunachal Pradesh	985	3/97
2	Lakwa TPS Ph-II (3 × 20 MW)	Assam	3401	4/95
3	Dhansiri HEP (20 MW)	Assam	1054	12/96
4	Karbi Langpi HEP (2×50 MW)	Assam	3636	Likely in Pvt. sector
5	Amguri GT (360 MW)	Assam	40825	Likely in Pvt. sector
6	Serlui 'B' HEP. (9 MW)	Mizoram	4157	1997/1998
7	Likim-RO HEP (3×8 MW)	Nagaland	3384	3/97
8	Rokhia GT Extn. Project (16 MW) Ph-III	Tripura	3470	1995/1996
9	Doyaang HEP (3×25 MW)	Nagaland	9631	3/97, 5/97, 7/97
10	Ranganadi HEP (3×135 MW)	Ar. Pradesh	31278	3/97, 5/97, 7/97
11	Rokhia GT Ph II (16 MW)	Tripura	4895	3/96

1	2	3	4	5
B.	*Irrigation* :			
1	Dhansiri	Assam	15800	During 8th Plan
2	Champamati	Assam	4749	do
3	Intd. Kollong . .	Assam	5123	do
4	Bordi Karai	Assam	2968	do
5	Thoubal Irrigation Project .	Manipur	13885	do
6	Singda Irrigation Project . .	Manipur	4253	do
7	Khuga Multipurpose Project .	Manipur	7295	do
8	Dolaithabi Barrage Project .	Manipur	1886	do
C.	*Transport* :			
1	Construction of Rail-cum-Road Bridge across river Brahmaputra near Jogigopa	Assam	11730	12/95
2	Installation of Monopulse Secondary and AirPort Surveillance Radars	Assam	2845	3/95
3	Tura Airport	Meghalaya	700	3/95
4	Lengpui Airport . .	Mizoram	4500	3/98

Release of funds and implementation of MPs Area Development Scheme

982. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released to the District Collectors amounts under the MPs Local Area Development Scheme;

(b) whether there is tardy progress in the implementation of this scheme in various districts due to lack of interest by the State Governments and the local authorities; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up a cell in the Rural Development Department to monitor the implementation of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such complaint has been received by this Department.

(c) The implementation of this scheme has since been transferred to Department of Programme Implementation. Monitoring of the scheme is being done by the Department of Programme Implementation in accordance with the guidelines issued for the scheme.

Review of power sector projects by Planning Commission

983. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest review of the power sector conducted by the